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## State of Hawaii **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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# TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

#### BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 9, 2018 1:35 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE
AGRICULTURE 2030 INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND A FARM TO PLATE PROGRAM
IN HAWAII

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37 that requests the Department of Agriculture in consultation with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and members of the agricultural industry to establish the Agricultural 2030 Investment Program to increase agricultural economic development. The Investment Program will achieve this through strategic planning, the creation of an advisory panel charged with establishing program goals, appointment of staff or entering into contracts with the University of Hawaii to undertake various tasks, seeking funding from public and private entities, and assembling and utilizing technical assistance, loans, grants, and other means to advance the goals of the Investment Program. The Department is also requested to create a State farm-to-plate program, seek grant funding to support direct marketing venues such as farmers' markets, community supported agricultural operations, and regional community food hubs. The Department of Agriculture offers comments and a recommendation.

The Department is already undertaking much of what is being asked of in this resolution. For instance, the Department already supports "direct marketing" alternatives such as farmers' markets and community supported agricultural operations



via direct or indirect grant funding. The Department is working with the State Enterprise Technology Services to promote local farmers markets through the development of an app for the public's use, identifying locations and other information for farmers markets statewide and highlighting the local agritourism opportunities on each island.

We recognize the alternative of food hubs, such as the concepts promoted as the core of several agricultural proposals on Oahu that may offer nearby farmers the option of entering into production contracts as an alternative to the traditional wholesale/retail arrangement.

The Farm to Plate program development requires the collaboration of many federal, state, county, and private sector partners. Resources, including manpower, time, and funding, are critical to make this a success. The Department cautions the creation of an informal advisory panel charged with undertaking strategic planning to develop program goals for the investment program and for the Department to develop a Farm to Plate Program without committed State resources. The Department recommends pursuing a bill next session that dedicates resources to this in-depth strategic plan and program development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Friday, March 9, 2018 at 1:35 p.m.
By
Nicholas Comerford
Dean, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
And
Michael Bruno, Vice Chancellor
University of Hawaii at Mānoa

SCR 37 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURE 2030 INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND A FARM TO PLATE PROGRAM IN HAWAII

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in <u>support</u> of SCR 37. The state of Hawai'i imports a majority of the food for residents and tourists, although historically, the state was once home to major sugar cane and pineapple plantations, dairy farms, beef cattle ranches, diversified and specialty niche farms. Revitalization of the agricultural sector is an important part of Hawai'i's economy and it's imperative that more jobs be created in the food and farm economy which also provides sustainability for rural residents. It is also an effective way to improve access to healthy local foods and nutritional education for better health and communities. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources supports this concurrent resolution and it is important to note that the agriculture education, research and extension programs are important for food production, crop improvement, livestock farming and our island lifestyle.

Thank you again for allowing us to testify in support of SCR 37.



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March 9, 2018

# HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

#### **TESTIMONY ON SCR 37**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURE 2030 INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND A FARM TO PLATE PROGRAM IN HAWAII

Room 224 1:35 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports SCR37, beginning the process of a Statewide Implementation Plan to increase agricultural production.

Many studies to identify actions to increase Hawaii's food security have been conducted over the years.

### INCREASED FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY



OFFICE OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

> IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF HAWAII

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However, actual systematic implementation steps have been erratic. Counties face competition within the State rather than flourishing within a Statewide Agricultural Plan with Implementation actions that all Counties participate in moving the needle on agriculture. The Governor has challenged the industry in his proposal to double food production by 2020. Other sustainability initiatives reference increased local food production.

The steps are clear, infrastructure, marketing, regulatory, R&D and the list goes on. How to prioritize these measures, fund and implement them will be the challenge. As HFBF, we are challenged with this task every year as we seek to identify priorities to increase the viability of our farmers and ranchers while increasing Hawaii's agricultural capacity.

During our research we identified a program in Vermont called Farm to Plate. Beginning in 2009, it is a systematic process to increase Vermont's agriculture. http://www.vtfarmtoplate.com/

After discussions with Vermont Farm Bureau and learning about it's success, HFBF has proposed a modified version that we believe can work for Hawaii. Vermont is similar to Hawaii with many small farmers and diverse agriculture. We recognize that to bring success to the program, investments will be needed which we propose as Hawaii Ag Investment 2030. We believe we can reach short term goals by 2020 but realistically, significant strides will take time. The Vermont program has annual reports and their efforts have resulted in a steady and measureable increase in production.

We hope the Department can utilize past research, work with industry and other collaborators to increase our agricultural capacity. Food production is not just about growing vegetables, fruits and livestock. It is about all kinds of agriculture. For example, a serious pest for onions entered Hawaii on a cut flower. Increasing local floriculture production will reduce risk to new pests that can attack our food crops and environment. Agriculture also provides conservation services important to the environment and the wellbeing of our people. Hawaii Ag Investment 2030 will provide

a roadmap with metrics to guide policymakers at all levels to achieve this goal of increased agricultural production not only to increase Hawaii's level of self sufficiency but to increase Hawaii's Agricultural capacity to serve as an economic engine for the State. In its' true capacity, Hawaii Farm to Plate is not just about agriculture. It is about agriculture providing opportunities for entrepreneurs to develop new products to meet consumer demands here and abroad. It is an opportunity for tourists who come to Hawaii go home with product truly grown and made in Hawaii ..not China. And in the process, our keiki of tomorrow will have access to healthy and affordable food, our environment will be protected from harmful invasive pests and our people will have job opportunities so they can live in the place they love vs. being forced to relocate due to lack of jobs. It is not only a vision but an action plan that will become reality.

HFBF respectfully requests your strong support of SCR37 to provide an implementation pathway to increase agricultural production capacity in the State. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this important subject.



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# American Heart Association in SUPPORT of the intent of SCR 37 "Requesting the Department of Agriculture to Establish the Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii"

The American Heart Association supports the intent of SCR 37.

Obesity is an epidemic in Hawaii, with adult rates more than doubling since the mid-1990s. Additionally, about one in every four children entering kindergarten in our state is already overweight or obese. The danger is that obesity can lead to chronic diseases later in life, such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. It is also costly to our society; each year, Hawaii spends roughly \$427 million obesity-related health care costs.

Eating healthy food is one of the ways to prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease. Establishing healthy behaviors at an early age can help to prevent the onset of many of the common chronic diseases. The American Heart Association estimates that 80 percent of heart disease and stroke is preventable through improved lifestyle habits.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables may help control both weight and blood pressure, and they contribute a number of important nutrients that most people don't get enough of. And they are naturally low in saturated fat and calories. The American Heart Association recommends eating eight or more fruit and vegetable servings every day. An average adult consuming 2,000 calories daily should aim for 4.5 cups of fruits and vegetables a day. Also, it's important to eat a wide range of fruits and vegetables.

Food insecurity prevents many of Hawaii's most vulnerable residents from having access to those healthy food options. Thirteen percent of Hawaii's population is food insecure, meaning that there is not enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Also, Hawaii's food costs are 61 percent higher than the rest of the U.S. Part of the reason for that is that our state imports as much as 85-90 percent of its food. That is compounded by the island's 2,500-mile geographic isolation from its food supply. We must take steps to produce more healthful food close to home for community food access and security.

SCR 37 would take steps toward achieving that goal. The AHA encourages your support of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted Wessman & Wessman

Donald B. Weisman

Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director



<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:50:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Dobovan	Testifying for Kulahaven Farms LLC	Support	No

Comments:

## <u>SCR-37</u>

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:16:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Love	Testifying for Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers	Support	No

### Comments:

An essential part of small farm sustainabilty is to integrate the culinary community and farming ranching community in Hawaii. Hawaii's chefs are among the best promoters of local agriculture. Facilitating this through the Dept. of Agriculture is a win win for all growers and local chefs as well as both local and visitor consumers.

# **SCR-37**

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:52:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
irene plunkett	Testifying for HFUU	Support	Yes	Ī

#### Comments:

Yes...this Bill is so very important to the well-being for our Schools and children. We want to have a fair place at the table in feeding our children healthy, & nutritious meals that are fresher and better for them. Supporting farmers like myself and our local economy. Thank you kindly for considering my vote.

Mahalo, Irene

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 6:13:43 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Testifying for HFUU	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 10:30:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 9:57:21 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Testifying for Maui Farmers Union United	Support	No

## Comments:

We need this bill to make it possible for us to reduce our dependence on the mainland. This is a step in that direction.

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 6:12:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-37** 

Submitted on: 3/8/2018 12:45:28 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

# PRESENTATION OF THE OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Friday, March 9, 2018
1:35 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of **SCR37** RELATING TO AGRICULTURE To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR37** which REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE AGRICULTURE 2030 INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND A FARM TO PLATE PROGRAM IN HAWAII.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR37** and supports its passage.

**SCR37** is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and members of the agricultural industry, establish the agricultural 2030 investment program to increase

agricultural economic development through strategic planning and the creation of programs such as the state farm to plate program.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[a]griculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Sufficient prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include the development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times.

As an island state, securing affordable food for all is a priority. We support healthy, sustainable, and diversified local food production, and "Buy Local" strategies to assure greater food security and food safety." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 76-78, 82-86, 97-99 (2016)).

Given that **SCR37** requests the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and members of the agricultural industry, establish the agricultural 2030 investment program to increase agricultural economic development through strategic planning and the creation of programs such as the state farm to plate program, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.
Sincerely yours,
/s/ Melodie Aduja
Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee
Email: legislativepriorities@gmail.com, Text/Tel.: (808) 258-8889

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 6:36:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

 Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie Marsh	Testifying for UpCountry Doctor	Support	No

## Comments:

I am supporting the farm to plate farming grant program for it is in the highest good for the citizens of the Hawaiian islands. Mahalo

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/5/2018 3:52:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

 From:
 Alvin Tsuruda

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:05:30 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests the Department of Agriculture to Establish the Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

This resolution can address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Blake Rabe

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:39:21 PM

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 From:
 Carolyn Lum

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:57:16 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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 From:
 David Schell

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:23:22 PM

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 From:
 Devin Duey

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:49:21 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

From: Diane Chuensanguansat
To: AEN Testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:29:18 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

From: diane HEINLEIN
To: AEN Testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:59:43 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Don Gerbig

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:05:10 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Donald Sommer

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:48:22 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Donovan Leandro

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:38:11 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

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 From:
 Emily Taaroa

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:44:20 PM

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 From:
 Esther Ohta

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:51:18 PM

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 From:
 Gary Greive

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:05:09 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Helena Miguel

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:48:33 PM

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From: <u>James Simpliciano</u>
To: <u>AEN Testimony</u>
Subject: I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:45:01 PM

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 From:
 James Tavares

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:53:39 PM

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 From:
 Jari Sugano

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:28:43 PM

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 From:
 Jason T Okuhama

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:47:33 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Jeff Tupea

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:37:33 PM

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 From:
 Joni Kamiya

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 8:56:05 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

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 From:
 KEN OGAWA

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:39:05 PM

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 From:
 Laila Jayyousi

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:32:15 PM

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 From:
 Loreto Obra

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 9:05:47 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Luly Unemori

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:49:51 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Lynn Tsuruda

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:52:03 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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 From:
 marian harvey

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:30:09 PM

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 From:
 Mark Phillipson

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:12:39 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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 From:
 Mark Takemoto

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:38:58 PM

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 From:
 Melvin Matsuda

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
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 From:
 randy cabral

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:43:51 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests The Department of Agriculture to establish The Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Richard Ogoshi

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 8:31:39 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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 From:
 Roberta Taira

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:37:37 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I stand in strong SUPPORT of SCR 37, which requests the Department of Agriculture to Establish the Agriculture 2030 Investment Program and a Farm To Plate Program in Hawaii.

This resolution can address Hawaii's goals of increased self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Sharon Mees

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 7:42:53 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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 From:
 Stephanie Mock

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:37:17 PM

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 From:
 Stephen Stefanko

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:49:19 PM

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 From:
 Thomas Kafsack

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:31:41 PM

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 From:
 Tom Shigemoto

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 1:58:44 PM

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 From:
 Wayne Shizuru

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:33:07 PM

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 From:
 William Merrill

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:54:20 PM

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 From:
 Winifred Marcos

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:28:39 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 Rachel Leyva

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:54:09 AM

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SCR-37 Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:54:31 AM Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

From: Rodney & Karol Haraguchi

To: AEN Testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT SCR 37

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:09:20 PM

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From: Michael Kamiya
To: AEN Testimony
Subject: I SUPPORT SCR 37

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 1:35:15 PM

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<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 2:20:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 3:35:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

 From:
 Frederick Mencher

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:51:20 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony on this measure.

 From:
 mariane uehara

 To:
 AEN Testimony

 Subject:
 I SUPPORT SCR 37

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:23:01 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

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<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 4:09:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:12:49 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

SCR-37 Submitted on: 3/7/2018 5:19:25 PM Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marcy cayton	Individual	Support	No

# **SCR-37**

Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:25:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Huth	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I ask you to strongly support SCR 37 to strengthen long term local agriculture and farm-to-table integration of local food supply chain.

By creating long term funding and goals along with a long term reliable demand for local produce in restaurants, our local agriculture infrastructure will be greatly strengthen and returned to a thriving, diversified and vital component of Hawaii's economy.

Please support SCR 37.

SCR-37 Submitted on: 3/7/2018 8:04:17 PM Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Kantarova	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 7:58:17 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 9:08:51 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donn DeShayne	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:23:20 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Individual	Support	No

# Comments:

Mahalo to all who support this resolution,

Respectfully Submitted,

Simon Russell

Farm Maui LLC

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/7/2018 11:40:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	Yes

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 4:45:58 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No	1

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 6:57:23 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Johnson	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 7:29:30 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	No	

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 1:17:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Heather Coad	Individual	Support	No	

SCR-37 Submitted on: 3/8/2018 3:20:00 PM Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 5:49:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christopher buehler	Individual	Support	No

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/8/2018 9:57:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No	

## Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I strongly support this Bill especially if it favors Organically produced farm to plate programs.

We have enough chemicals in our diets.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

<u>SCR-37</u> Submitted on: 3/9/2018 7:10:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/9/2018 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No